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Saab Sonett III– The sports car with features money can't buy

Saab Sonett is an exciting new idea in sports cars. It's the first sports car at a sensible price with all the features of a custom built car. Features like a distinct fiberglass body, semi-monocoque chassis, 4 speed gearbox and dual built in roll bars.

Take the body for example. Sure it's sporty looking, but it's also very aerodynamic. In fact, tests show that Sonett has an incredibly low drag factor of 0.31 – one of the lowest in the industry.

All this means you can go much faster with much less power. And while you're going faster, you'll be getting much better gas mileage because the engine doesn't have to work as hard. Of course it's no coincidence that Saab would build a very aerodynamic sports car, after all we are one of Europe's largest builders of jet aircraft.




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There are lots of other Sonett features that are equally easy to appreciate like a 4 speed shift on the floor, molded bucket seats, a leather covered steering wheel, front wheel disc brakes and full instrumentation. Plus the fact that Sonett has roll bars both in the windshield pillars and behind the seats.

But you won't really appreciate Sonett until you come to that first set of esses in the road. Then you'll see why we say front wheel drive makes a car handle better. With front wheel drive, the wheels that steer the car are the wheels that pull it. So the car has to go right where you want it to go.

And Sonett is one sports car you don't have to put away in mothballs when winter rolls around. Like all Saab's it's virtually oblivious to ice, rain, snow and skidding. And because it has a fiberglass body, there's no need to live in a constant fear of winter salt eating your car up.

All in all, Sonett is for the man who always wanted to own a custom-built sports car but couldn't afford one.

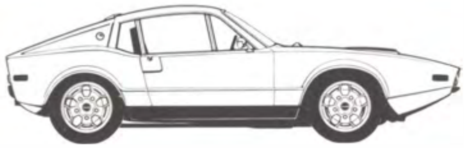
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DIMENSIONS AND WEIGHTS

Overall length, 159.5 in. Overall width, 59.1 in. Height, 47 in. Wheelbase, 84.6 in. Track, front and rear, 48.5 in.
15 in. wide rim aluminum wheels. Radial ply tires, 155-SR 15 in.
Curb weight, 1805 lb. (Curb weight, with factory installed air condition, 1875 lb.) Max. loaded vehicle weight, 2330 lb.

ENGINE AND TRANSMISSION

103.6 cu. in. (1698 c.c.) V-4 engine. Bore, 3.54 in. (90 mm.) Stroke, 2.63 in. (66.8 mm.) 8.0:1 compression ratio. 65 horsepower net (SAE) at 4700 rpm. Torque, 85 lb. ft. at 2500 rpm. Cooling system holds 7.4 quarts.
12 volt battery, 44 Ah. 35 A alternator.
Front-wheel drive. Free-wheel. Single dry plate clutch. Four forward gears. Gear ratios, engine to wheels: 1st, 16.2:1; 2nd, 9.7:1; 3rd, 6.0:1; top, 3.9:1; reverse, 14.8:1. Final drive ratio, 4.67:1. Theoretical speed in top gear at 1000 engine rpm, 18.1 mph.

BRAKES, STEERING, SUSPENSION

Diagonally divided dual circuit foot brake system. 10.5 in. diameter disc brakes on front wheels, 8 in. drum brakes rear. Total swept braking area, 255 sq.in. Handbrake sets mechanically on rear wheels.
Rack and pinion steering gear, 15.5:1 ratio.
2.7 steering wheel turns from lock to lock.
Coil springs and double acting telescopic shock absorbers front and rear.

BODY

GRP-laminate body on all-welded steel chassis. Nominal laminate thickness, 0.12 in. Anti-corrosion treatment and underbody coating. Five colors: Yellow, Orange, Red, Blue and Green.

Driving lights, as illustrated, available at extra cost, where permitted by local law.

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